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DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2011

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TO ALL PARTIES:

Enclosed please find the recommendation of Administrative Law Judge Belinda A. Martin. The recommendation has been filed in the form of an Order on:

CENTURYTEL SOLUTIONS, LLC
(CANCEL CC&N)

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-110(B), you may file exceptions to the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge by filing an original and thirteen (13) copies of the exceptions with the Commission's Docket Control at the address listed below by **4:00** p.m. on or before:

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DECEMBER 13, 2011 and DECEMBER 14, 2011

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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8 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
9 CENTURYTEL SOLUTIONS, LLC, TO CANCEL
10 ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND
11 NECESSITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION
12 NO. 72232 (MARCH 9, 2011).

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DECISION NO. _____

ORDER

10 Open Meeting
11 December 13 and 14, 2011
12 Phoenix, Arizona

12 **BY THE COMMISSION:**

13 Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the
14 Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that:

15 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

16 1. CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CenturyTel" or "Company"), has a Certificate of
17 Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide competitive facilities-based and resold local
18 exchange and access telecommunications services in Arizona pursuant to Decision No. 63638 (May
19 4, 2001).

20 2. On September 21, 2011, CenturyTel filed an application with the Commission to
21 cancel its CC&N ("Application").

22 3. CenturyTel is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CenturyLink, Inc. ("CTL"). In Decision
23 No. 72232 (March 9, 2011), the Commission approved a merger between CTL and Qwest
24 Communications International, Inc.

25 4. As a result of the merger, which occurred on April 1, 2011, CTL became the indirect
26 owner of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink-QC ("QC"), which provides local exchange and
27 access services throughout much of Arizona as an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC").

28 5. Additionally, CTL became the indirect owner of Qwest Communications Company,

1 provider prior to such discontinuance.

2 11. CenturyTel has no Arizona customers and did not collect any advances, deposits
3 and/or prepayments. Additionally, there are other telecommunications carriers offering services in
4 Arizona similar to those provided by CenturyTel. Under these circumstances, the requirements of
5 A.A.C. R-14-2-1107 should be waived.

6 12. Staff's recommendations are reasonable and shall be adopted.

7 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 1. CenturyTel is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the
9 Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-281 and 40-282.

10 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over CenturyTel and the subject matter of the
11 Application.

12 3. The cancellation of CenturyTel's CC&N is in the public interest.

13 4. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-282, the Commission may issue decisions regarding CC&Ns
14 for certain telecommunication services without a hearing.

15 5. The requirements of A.A.C. R14-2-1107 should be waived in this matter.

16 6. Staff's recommendations are reasonable and should be adopted.

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